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## PROGRESS OF ENTERPRISES OF THE TURKMENNEFT' ASSOCIATION, USSR, DURING THE FIRST 4 MONTHS OF 1953

Several newspaper articles provide fragmentary information on the organization of the Turkmenneft' Association and on the progress of this association during the first 4 months of 1953. An article of 23 January 1953 reported that during the war years in Turkmenistan, the production of petroleum increased by 70 percent and the production of gasoline by 600 percent. By the end of 1950, the average daily production of petroleum had increased by 328 percent, as compared with the prewar level, and the number of operating oil wells had increased by 428 percent, as compared with the prewar number.

A number of identifications of petroleum enterprises and personalities were contained in this article, which was devoted largely to a description of the parallel histories of the city of Nebit-Dag and of the Turkmen petroleum industry. No specific indications as to subordination or nature of activity were afforded. The following enterprises of the Turkmen petroleum industry were identified: Turkmenburneft' Trust, Oil Field imeni 26 Bakinskiye Komissary, Oil Field No 2, and a mechanical repair plant. The Turkmen Petroleum Tekhnikum was said to have been transferred recently from Krasnovodsk to Nebit-Dag. In addition, Comrade Sechevoy was identified as the manager of the Turk-menburneft' Trust.(1)

Another article reported percentage plan fulfillments for enterprises of the Turkmen petroleum industry for January. The Kumdagneft' Trust fulfilled the January plan for extraction by 106 percent. Oil Field No 2 appeared to be subordinate to this trust. A drilling office of the Turkmenburneft' Trust and the Turkmennefterazvedka Trust also fulfilled the monthly plan, the latter by 110 percent. Finally, the Turkmenneft' Association was reported to have fulfilled the monthly plan with respect to all indexes.(2)

The progress of Drilling Office No 2 of the Turkmenburneft' Trust during January was reported in an article of 10 February 1953. One brigade of this office attained drilling speeds of up to 2,350 meters per machine-month. The office surpassed the monthly plan, accomplishing  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times more drilling than in December 1952.(3)

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An article of 28 February 1953, datelined Kum-Dag, reported that during January and February, Drilling Office No 2/subordination not given/turned over to the Kumdagneft' Trust, for exploitation, ten oil wells above the plan. The Kumdagneft' Trust was reported to have produced two trainloads of petroleum above the plan during the period 1 January to 24 February 1953. In this regard, Oil Fields No 2 and No 3 were fulfilling their obligations.(4)

An article datelined 21 March 1953, Nebit-Dag, reported that great strides were being made at the oil fields of Vyshka. One brigade of Drilling Office No 2 of the Turkmenburneft' Trust exceeded the monthly plan for drilling by 700 percent. In addition, workers of the Geological Survey Office of the Turkmennefterazvedka Trust pledged to accomplish 1,000 meters of drilling above the plan during March.

With regard to production, several trainloads of petroleum above the plan were said to have been shipped from Vyshka station during March.(5)

On 1 May 1953, it was reported that the Kumdagneft' Trust produced several trainloads of fuel above the 4-month plan. Oil Fields No 1 and No 2 of the Nebitdagneft' Trust were also reported to have surpassed the 4-month plan for production of fuel. Despite the First of May celebrations in Nebit-Dag, called the city of oil workers, drilling rigs and deep well pumps were continuing to work in the oil fields. As a result, it was said that petroleum would flow in a powerful stream through the dense network of pipes which wind from the oil field, and that tank cars would be filled and that trainload after trainload would leave the railroad stations.(6)

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